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CLASS COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CLASS.

GENTLEMEN, —

It has long been the custom for Class Secretaries to present to the Class, at the end of the Senior year, a Report containing a brief history of the Class, a few statistics, and any other matter likely to prove interesting or instructive to men upon graduation. These Reports were formerly sent to some daily journal, or printed under the "College Record" in the Harvard Magazine. As the Secretary of the Class of 1864 was not able to give his Report in the Magazine, he published it in a pamphlet, somewhat similar in form to the triennial reports now issued by the Secretaries of older Classes. Were it possible to give you my Report in the pages of the Harvard Magazine, I should hesitate before I gave to this meagre collection of facts the form it now has. But the Harvard, you know, is gone, and will be mentioned in future, by those that jeer, in connection with the "Rumford." I am compelled, then, to follow in the footsteps of my immediate predecessor; and perhaps after all it is better that all the Reports, the first as well as the triennials, should be published in the same form.

In preparing this Report, I have attempted to profit by the success and experience of others; and if the experiment has ever terminated less successfully, in any respect, than was hoped, I have attempted to learn wisdom from that fact also. It has been difficult in some cases to decide what statistics and facts to present, from the many I have obtained; and the decision would have been still more troublesome had I not kept in view the fact that this Report is prepared especially for you and for your satisfaction. Therefore many things are presented that may seem to others frivolous and perhaps meaningless, which to you will mean much. On the other hand, I have omitted to obtain some items, because, as the Report must come to the eyes of others besides yourselves, these items always have been, and always will

be, misunderstood. Such are the facts usually presented about personal habits and beliefs, as concerning smoking and drinking. These statistics never have lessened our good reputation with those that understood them rightly; but with others they have occasioned anxiety and pain, and even have called forth written attacks upon our College. Besides, these matters are strictly personal; so on the whole it has been considered best to omit them.

The rest of the facts are selected with reference principally to their utility, but some are admitted on account of their oddity. It is hoped that I have only anticipated you in choosing what to publish, and that you will take as much pleasure in reading, as I have trouble in gathering together and assorting.

It is my intention to publish at the end of three years another Report, containing the history of the Class and its members from now till then. In order that this plan may be carried out, as well as in order that I may be able to give information, when requested, concerning classmates, it is desirable and necessary that each one of you should keep me informed of your movements, changes in your business or place of residence, marriage, or any event of interest to yourself, or such as would interest your classmates. If you do this, I may be able to assist the Class, and also to publish a full and accurate Report when the proper time for it arrives. It is hoped that you will not forget this slight request, as it can be granted with little trouble, and yet will give results of great value to your classmates.

The post-office address of the Secretary will be *New Bedford, Mass.;* and all Class notices will be published in the Boston Daily Advertiser, Transcript, and Journal.

Let me, in closing, express a hope that every one of you may be successful in life, and that I am saying much when I wish that your months and years may pass as pleasantly as they have done, since first we became a Class.

I remain, very truly, your classmate,

T. FRANK. BROWNELL.

Cambridge, June 22, 1865.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Our Class began its Freshman year Aug. 29, 1861, with 113 members. In the Catalogue we numbered 114, but one successful candidate never appeared.

At the beginning of Sophomore year 12 more joined us; but on account of an arrangement for dropping students, and on account of the number we lost from other reasons, we began this year with only 106.

Sophomore year was still more disastrous to us; and at the beginning of the next year, we struggled on with but 86, one of these a new-comer.

One more joined us at the end of Junior year; but we still lessened in numbers, and during our first term Senior we had only 80. Five have left us since then, so that we numbered 75 at the final examinations. Two now absent expect to return and get degrees at Commencement, and we shall probably be graduated 77 in all.

There have been connected with the Class during its four years, at different times, 129 members, of whom 52 have not completed their course. Four of our number have been members of classes in other colleges before they joined us. Of those who have left us, 3 entered the Naval School at Newport, 13 joined the Army, 3, the Navy, 3 went to other colleges, and 8 went down a class. Besides three who have fallen while in the Army, we have lost 3 by death, — William Greene Mayhew, who died from typhoid fever, February, 1862; James William McDonald, died December, 1862; and Charles Malcolm Boyd, died June 30, 1864.

The following is a list of those who have been in the Army: —

James Swift Rogers, Capt. S. C. 1st.
Edward Tuft Williams, Private Mass. 45th.
Lebbeus Horatio Mitchell, Lieut. of Engineers, U. S. A.
John Wilkins Carter, 11th Infantry, U. S. A.
George Aaron Emerson, A. A. Paymaster, U. S. N.
George Albert Fisher, 1st Lieut. 5th Mass. Cavalry.
Cleveland Foote, Corporal Mass. 46th.
* William Channing Henck.

Patrick Tracy Jackson, 1st Lieut. 5th Mass. Cavalry.

* Sumner Paine, 2d Lieut. Mass. 20th (Gettysburg).

Robert Ralston Newell, 1st Lieut. Mass. 54th.

Lorenzo Francesco Papanti, U. S. V. N.

Charles Arthur Rand, Capt. on Gen. Macy's Staff.

Horace Clapp Rodgers, Private Mass. 39th, now in Adjutant-General's Office.

* Cabot Jackson Russel, Capt. Mass. 54th (Fort Wagner).

George Briggs Russell, Capt. and Assistant Provost Marshal General, Defences North of the Potomac.

Frederic Sparrell, Lieut. U. S. Rev. Marine.

Charles Jackson Train, Midshipman, U. S. N.

James Harvey Withington, Capt. and Inspector-General.

The first three of these returned to the Class during the Junior year, and will be graduated with us. Those marked with a star have fallen.

9 of the Class were drafted; none went.

Place of Residence.		Birthplace.	
Boston	11	Boston	13
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	41	Elsewhere in Massachusetts	34
New York	9	New Hampshire	7
New Hampshire	5	New York	7
Pennsylvania	2	Maine	3
Maine	1	Vermont	3
Vermont	1	Pennsylvania	2
Iowa	1	Ohio	2
Rhode Island	1	Illinois	1
Illinois	1	Rhode Island	1
District of Columbia	1	District of Columbia	1
California	1	Fayal	1
Ohio	1	England	1
	76		76
Massachusetts	52	Massachusetts	47
Elsewhere	24	Elsewhere	29

It will be noticed that over two thirds of the Class reside in Massachusetts, and all but sixteen in New England.

Instead of obtaining the religious persuasions of the members of the Class, it has appeared that it would be more suggestive to give those of the parents or families, in order to show how favorably members of different denominations look upon old Harvard. The following is the result obtained: —

Unitarian	33
Orthodox Congregational	17
Episcopalian	9
Baptist	8
Methodist	3
Presbyterian	2
Christian Baptist	2
Swedenborgian	1
Society of Friends	1
	76
Unitarian	36
Trinitarian	40

The political views of the Class in 1860 may be seen from the following table: —

Lincoln	52
Bell and Everett	13
Douglas	6
Breckinridge	2
Abolitionists	2
Was not in the country	1
	76

Four years after, in 1864, the votes of the Class were for

Abraham Lincoln	64
George B. McClellan	12
	76

The number who could have voted in 1860 was . . . 5
" " " " " " " 1864 " . . 30

All will be old enough to vote at the next Presidential election.

Concerning the benefit of College Societies there is much diversity of opinion, and our Alma Mater is sometimes praised and sometimes blamed because there are so few here. The list below of the Societies to which members of our Class have belonged, and of the number belonging to each, may cause some to change their estimate of us, and regard us as more lucky or more unlucky.

Phi Beta Kappa	16
Institute of 1770	52
Porcellian	5
Hasty-Pudding Club	33
Natural History Society	26

O. K.	16
Christian Union	13
Christian Brethren	14
St. Paul's	4
Cricket Club	27
Hardee Boat Club	27
Harvard Glee Club	5
Pierian Sodality	5
Οἱ Κακοῦργοι	17

During the first term of our Senior year a Drill Club was organized with 39 members. We drilled regularly twice a week until the fall of Richmond seemed certain. Then we tried to sell our guns.

During the Freshman and Junior years we had a Class Crew, but our Class Boats have never entered for prizes in any of the races. We furnished the "Stroke" and "No. 4" in the "Harvard," at Worcester, in the summer of 1864.

The Rumford Society was given up during our Freshman year; and although many of the Class were elected, no one was induced to join.

The Temperance Society of Harvard College was given up before we came, and it has not yet been resumed. Besides those already mentioned, there have been the usual number of Club Tables, and six or seven secret societies.

The Gymnasium statistics are usually taken by Prof. Molineux, and extend only to a few measurements. The Class Committee received from Dr. B. A. Gould, of Cambridge, who has been engaged in obtaining statistics of men in the Army and Navy, for the U. S. Sanitary Commission, a proposal to take the statistics on similar points of our Class, and therefore they made arrangements by which a somewhat interesting mass of facts was obtained.

Of these statistics, which were taken in fifty-two respects, some are so scientific that the Secretary forbears to attempt to state or interpret them; and only those are selected which it is supposed will be most interesting to the members who troubled themselves to comply with the request "to go down and get measured." The solitary one who refused to go, because he thought his arm was the smallest, is excepted by this statement. 69 were measured, six being away on account of sickness.

Average facial angle	65° and 70°
Largest	80°
Least	65°
Largest capacity of chest	296
Least	102
Average circumference of head	22.3 inches.
Largest	24 "
Smallest	21.1 "

Average weight lifted as shown by the Dynamometer	369 lbs.
Largest	810 "
Least	190 "
Longest foot	11.3 inches.
Shortest	9.3 "

Only 2 were not able to distinguish colors well, and 6 were near-sighted. Only 9 said they had attended the Gymnasium regularly. To those who have never averaged the color of eyes, the following may be new: —

Of the 69 persons examined, the eyes of —

34 were	Blue.
11 "	Gray.
9 "	Brown.
8 "	Hazel.
5 "	Black.

39 thought their health was about the same as on entering College; 24, that it was better; and 6, that it was not so good. Statistics concerning the height, weight, and muscular development of the different members of the Class were also taken.

These have been arranged in the next table for the purpose of comparison with the three classes above us: —

	Class of 1862. Years. Mos.	Class of 1863. Years. Mos.	Class of 1864. Years. Mos.	Class of 1865. Years. Mos.
Aver. age at Com'nt	21 11.5	21 8.6	21 6.5	22 1.6
Oldest	30 8.5	27 10	27 4.9	31 11.3
Youngest	19 0.5	18 11	18 6.9	19 3.8
Over 25	6	4	4	6
Over 22	32	35	39	27
Under 20	5	6	11	3
	Feet. Inches.	Feet. Inches.	Feet. Inches.	Feet. Inches.
Average height	5 8.35	5 7.367	5 8.03	5 8.77
Tallest	6 3.		6 3.12	6 5.4
Shortest	5 0.5		5 4.25	5 3.3
6 feet or over	9		4	4
5½ feet or under	16		12	6
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Average weight	143.5	139.214	138.29	139.8
Heaviest	215.		185.	178.5
Lightest	106.		109.	113.

	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Average chest . .	37.1	37.56	37.94	37.8
Largest	42.		42.5	42.4
Smallest	31.		33.5	34.1
Average upper arm	12.78	12.56	12.83	12.4
Largest	15.25		16.5	16.
Smallest	10.25		10.25	10.
Average forearm .	10.70	10.46	10.79	10.2
Largest	12.50		12.25	13.
Smallest	9.25		9.375	9.
Near-sighted . .	9		23	6

We have had two Class Suppers,—the Sophomore, at Brighton, Nov. 24, 1862, which was very well attended; and the Senior, at Parker's, in Boston, May 30, 1865, at which 49 were present.

Following the example of the last two or three of our predecessors, it was voted at a Class meeting that the Class Secretary be authorized to receive subscriptions to a Class Fund. A subscription book was accordingly prepared; and 70 members of the Class have subscribed thus far $2,955, payable in six yearly instalments. The amount due at our Commencement Day will be $340.

The leaves for the Class Book were prepared at the end of the first term Senior, and nearly all have written their "Lives." Four refused to write, and the book will to that extent be lacking in completeness.

The Class photographs were taken by Mr. George K. Warren, of Cambridgeport. About 18,000 were ordered by the Class, and these have been delivered, being, in point of finish and excellence, superior to any ever furnished by him to previous classes. Ours were the first class pictures taken on albumen paper.

The Harvard Magazine, instituted in 1854, has had many articles and much subscription money from our Class. During the Senior year, by a vote of the Class, the editors were permitted to give up its publication, if the price of materials and printing commanded it. It has never appeared since. The editors for the Junior year were

Charles Warren Clifford,
Thomas Franklin Brownell,
Charles Harrison Tweed;

and for the Senior year,

John Quincy Adams Brackett,
Flavius Joseph Cook,
Edward Tufts Williams.

Statistics similar to these that follow, concerning recitations and prayers, I have never seen in print. Through the kindness of Professor Lovering,

who corrected my lists, which were obtained by canvassing the Class, by comparing them with the College books, I can vouch for their accuracy, and I respectfully offer them in place of those usually published concerning drinking and smoking. We have, during the past four years, been called upon to attend about 2,300 recitations and over 1,000 prayers. We are allowed to omit one prayer in fourteen, but no recitations without good excuse. Yet there were found for the whole four years, —

10 who had received no deductions for omitting prayers;
6 who had never had an unexcused absence from recitation;
25 who have never been tardy;
5 who have never had deductions, except for omitting prayers and recitations;
4 who have never had any deductions *at all;*
30 who have had less than *five* unexcused absences from recitation during the course;
5 who have had only *one* unexcused absence from recitation;
and 3 who have not been detained by sickness or other causes from College exercises for more than three days during the whole time.

Twenty of our Class have had Exhibition parts twice, and 6 once. The number of Commencement parts is 22, seven of which were obtained by Senior rank alone. There are four Orations, one Dissertation, two Disquisitions, and fifteen Essays.

The following persons have received prizes: —

During the Sophomore year: —

For Elocution.

John Wesley Churchill, 1st prize.

During the Junior year: —

For English Dissertations.

James Otis Hoyt, 1st prize.
Flavius Joseph Cook, 2d "

For Elocution.

Edward Tufts Williams, 1st prize.
Charles Warren Clifford, } 2d "
Roland Crocker Lincoln, }

Members of the Class will have another opportunity of trying for the Elocution prizes on the day after Commencement.

For Reading.

Flavius Joseph Cook, 1st prize.
James Swift Rogers, } 2d "
John Wesley Churchill, }
Charles Warren Clifford, 3d "

During Senior year: —

For English Dissertation.

Flavius Joseph Cook, 1st prize.
George Albert Stearns, 2d "

For Latin Versification.

Roland Crocker Lincoln, 1st prize.

For Reading.

Charles Warren Clifford, 1st prize.
Benjamin Mills Pierce, } 2d "
John Wesley Churchill, }

Below is given a summary of the intentions of the members of the Class in regard to trade or profession. The result only approximates to the truth, as many have not made up their minds fully, and only state what they shall probably do. For reasons already stated the results are arranged as below.

	1865.	1864.	1863.	1862.	1861.	1860.
Business	24	18	16	19	15	19
Law	18	31	21	24	17	36
Medicine . . .	11	10	13	7	12	12
Teaching . . .	8	3	4	7	3	6
Engineering . .	3	3	0	1	1	1
Divinity	3	3	3	7	8	13
Sheep-raising . .	1	1	0	0	0	0
Otherwise . . .	0	10	0	3	5	3
Undecided . . .	8	17	43	21	15	16
	76	96	100	89	76	106

If, then, we leave out from the number of graduates for the six years beginning with 1860 those who were undecided, there remain 423. Of these 147 have chosen Law, 111 Business, 65 Medicine, 31 Teaching, 37 Theology, and 9 Engineering. As a few in each class teach at first with the intention of following some other vocation afterwards, these statistics may vary a little from the truth. Some members of the Class, at least seven in number, propose to continue their studies in Europe.